

San Diego County Crime Stoppers

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Tipster Rewards Approved

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For the month of February 2007, San Diego County Crime Stoppers approved \$2,550 in rewards to tipsters who provided information that led to the arrests of fourteen people that helped solve twenty six different cases.

Reward Details:

One of the rewards led to the arrest of homicide suspect Michael Ray Robledo for the murder of a Fallbrook man. Another tip led to the identification and arrest of a suspect wanted for ten hot prowl burglaries and three stolen cars. A tip also led to the arrest of two suspects for a narcotics case and a parole violation.

The Campus Crime Stoppers program had eleven positive campus tips that resulted in ten students arrested at local schools. The crimes were: two separate cases for possessing a knife on campus (one was a switchblade). One case involved possessing ecstasy at school; one case involved vandalism to school property; three separate cases for possessing marijuana on campus; one case for possessing alcohol on campus, and a final case of possessing cigarettes on campus.

Program Details:

The rewards are authorized at a monthly meeting of the board of directors of Crime Stoppers, a volunteer, non-profit organization that has been in operation in San Diego since September of 1984. In 22 years, Crime Stoppers has received more than 17,400 tips, leading to more than 2,100 arrests and solving more than 3,500 local crime cases.

Here's how the program works: The tipster calls in anonymously and is given a code number. When the tipster calls back at a later time, he or she is told whether the board of directors has authorized a reward payment. If a reward has been authorized, the tipster then is directed to go to a specific bank and provide the code number to receive the reward.

San Diego County Crime Stoppers has a toll-free phone line that should be used by all people submitting tips: 888-580-TIPS (8477).

Media inquiries should be directed to Officer James Johnson at (619) 531-1500 or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547.

For information leading to an arrest, you could receive up to a \$1,000 reward and remain anonymous. The qualification of any person(s) for the reward and the amount of the reward for any person(s) so qualifying will be determined by San Diego County Crime Stoppers, Inc, in its sole discretion.

The amount of all rewards given shall not exceed \$1,000.

Information must be received on the tip line – 1-888-580-TIPS.

